

29I PRIDE NEWS

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DG Kim Mason Opens the Year's Cabinet Meetings

District Governor Lion Kim Mason opened the 2024-2025 campaign of District 29I efforts by hosting a Zoom meeting for the Cabinet. Members present at the meeting were installed by Past International Director Lion Steve Glass. Lion Steve remained after the installation of the officers and provided the group with a "pep talk" and a challenge to secure

one new member from each cabinet member before we reach the end of 2024. A list of the Cabinet members is available in this newsletter.

The meeting was well attended. Some Lions in attendance are not pictured as the comings and goings during it is an accepted process. The cabinet members present at the meeting were polled for the continuance of meetings with a roaring response in the affirmative. For one, I am looking forward to sharing these meeting times with all of the cabinet members. DG Lion Kim has sent out invitations to the cabinet members for a round of Zoom (virtual) meetings that run through November of 2024. All Cabinet Members are encouraged to attend the meetings. In

addition, any member of District 29I is welcome to attend the meetings also. You can obtain the link and meeting pariculars in the District Calendar. There are a few open seats in the cabinet and filling them to round out to a full cabinet would be a great







achievement for the District. Unifying the clubs through participation in Cabinet functions strengthens clubs, permeates good will among members, spreads our service into the community and adds to efforts for growth. Open seats include:

2nd VDG Zone 4 Chair Secretary Zone 6 Chair Zone 2 Chair Zone 7 Chair

DG Lion Kim challenged the Cabinet (and by extension all clubs in 29I) to pursue filling all open cabinet seats. Are you ready to step up and serve Lions?

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29I & MULTIPLE DISTRICT CALENDAR

The Complete 29I District Calendar for 2024 – 2025 is avilable on the website 29I LIONS

Multiple District 29 Link = https://wvlions.org/

- August 22nd Central Upshur and Ireland: District Governor visit August 26th Tennerton: District Governor visit
- August 28th Wardensville: District Governor visit
- September 5 thru 7 USA/Canada Leadership Forum: Louisville, KY. Information and registration link: Lions Forum Link
- September 27th and 28th 29I District Conference: See Registration Form Below
- October 3rd Bridgeport: District Governor visit
- October 9th Lost Creek and Johnstown: District Governor visit
- October 15th Nutter Fort: District Governor visit
- October 19th 20th District 29C Conference; Charleston, WV
- October 25th Clarksburg: District Governor visit

29I CABINET ZOOM MEETINGS

Link: ZOOM Link (click here or right click to copy the hyperlink and paste into your browser to schedule the meetings into your calendar)

To Join a Zoom Meeting; Meeting Link (click here or right click to copy the hyperlink)

Meeting ID: 865 8740 0850 Passcode: **058071**

Meeting Start Time is 7:00 p.m. and the dates are (Sundays): 18AUG; 15SEP; 20OCT; 17NOV

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED

District Governor's Message

By DG Lion Kim Mason

Greetings Fellow Lions,

As I sit here writing this, I just came back from the 1.5 summit in Orlando, Florida. We were discussing how to recruit new members and retain old members. Also, how to build new clubs. thought what if every lion



brought in 1 new member, that would be 1400 plus new members. I know, that seems like a lot. Just an idea.

So instead, I was thinking about what if every club got the club excellence award. Some of you are saying the what? So here it is,

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD A Lions club can be eligible for the LCI Club Excellence Award by finishing the year with a net growth in membership, promoting club activities and events to the community and participating in at least three service events. The Club Excellence award shows you have a strong club.

I think that is probably a better goal for us. I met a DG from Texas and there were a lot of them. He said that 80% of his clubs got the club excellence last year. I would love to see more of us get this award for our clubs. Just something to work towards. Many clubs are doing such great service and doing so well at promoting.

I would also like to talk about the upcoming 29I conference. I would like every club to bring their banner this year so we can display them. I would also like a picture of each club. Any picture you would like. It can be posed or doing some sort of service activity. I would also be very appreciative if the clubs could bring something for the silent auction.





John and I dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Claus to promote Christmas in July and just wanted to share the picture. We are getting ready for our big projects for Thanksgiving and Christmas. John and Buddy the elf was out promoting the Lions Toys for Tots and Christmas

village. I hope you are enjoying your summer and service projects too.

Yours in Lionism, DG Kim

1st Vice District Governor's Message

By 1st DG Lion Greg Greenwalt

Hello All.

As your new 1st VDG, I was asked by District Governor Kim Mason to write an article for the 29I newsletter. LOL, first let me tell you, I'm not a writer so please have patience.

A little about myself. I'm a proud member of the Moorefield Lions Club. I had the honor as serving in several positions there over the years with the help of many great Lions members. Like most of you, I joined my local Club to help make a difference in my community. I was asked by DG Sue Long to serve as a Zone Chair and with a little (a lot) convincing decided to give it a try. This lasted for two years and then was asked by DG Kermit Hawley to serve as the Leader Dog Chair and as his 2VDG. That was a very interesting and rewarding year. I was able to meet a lot of great Lions from all over the state. I was invited and Attended the Lions WV Leadership Retreat (I would encourage you to attend) last January where I learned a great deal about what it means to be a Lion. This Spring at the Multiple District 29 State Convention held at Glade Springs, WV, the voting members of 29I voted to elect me as your FVDG. I'm truly Honored. I have a lot to learn so I am asking for your help along with DG Kim Mason, the Cabinet, all past and future leaders, and all the Club's to speak up with suggestions recommendations. I truly believe we only succeed by working together as a team.

Thank all of you for your time and efforts in making our communities and state a better place. As Lions we serve, be proud of the difference you make.

The District 29I Fall Conference will be held on September the 27, 28, and the 29th

at the Coolfront Resort in Berkeley Springs WV. Please plan on attending.

The WV Leadership Retreat will be held in January, 2025. I'm sorry I don't have the dates. This is a wonderful event, please think about attending.

Yours In Service, Lion Greg Greenwalt

29I & MULTIPLE DISTRICT

"WE SERVE"

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NEW MEMBERS

By DG Lion Kim Mason

James Skidmore – Philippi Lions Club June
Denise Munson – Shinnston Lions Club July
Bryan Smith – Grafton Lions Club July
Andy Fitzgibbon – Tygart Valley Lions Club; July
Ronald VanPelt – Tygart Valley Lions Club; July
George Leonard – Harrison County Hope
Centennial Lions Club; July
Michelle Leonard Leonard – Harrison County Hope
Centennial Lions Club; July

Susan McMichael – Clarksburg Lions Club; August

Peace Poster Contest

By DG Lion Kim Mason

THE 2024-2025 CONTEST Peace Without Limits

For peace to be anything more than a possibility, we need to make it a priority. This year, we're asking our young students to create a poster that speaks to our world's infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the idea of peace without limits.

Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15th are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand &

- Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.

29I Global Leadership Team

By PID Lion Steve Glass

The Role of the MD Global Leadership Team Coordinator

What's it all about? What's his role? What are his plans?

When you carefully review the duties of this position as articulated by Lions International (Rev.7/1/2023), you will find fifteen bulleted items under the section on Actions for Success. I personally find this language pretty daunting in its scope so I have decided to boil it all down for you into six main functions that I feel are important enough to focus on this year and that will ensure a positive net membership growth for our multiple district, which will allow us to meet the goal of Mission 1.5 and allow us to Make Your Mark! Those functions are as follows:

Training (who? when? and at what level? - From club officers through to current district governors

Communication (what and with whom/) — Most importantly, with club leaders, zone chairpersons, and newer Lions. It goes without saying that district leadership and Global Action Team members must be in the information loop.

Reporting (what and to whom?) - Learning opportunities, what's in the Lions Learning Center, and reporting successes in Learn

Identifying (Who) – Lions with leadership potential who demonstrate an aptitude and desire for leadership positions

Promoting (What?) – leadership opportunities, training events, online learning tools, and LI sponsored seminars and institutes.

Maintaining (what and where) — calendar of events. leadership development tools and resources, and informational articles of interest and use for Lions at all levels, which will be maintained on our multiple district and district web sites.

I wanted to use this first article to introduce myself as your multiple district global leadership team coordinator, give you some idea of my expectations of the role, share my goals for the year with you and invite your input.

I have three simple goals for this year: 2024-2025:

- 1. Improve communication across Multiple District 29 among all stakeholders at all levels regarding the challenges that we have in leadership development.
- 2. Enhance the promotion of leadership development training events, both for in-person and facilitator led events, that would enhance West Virginia Lions leadership skills and provide them encouragement.
- 3. Increase the number of Lions within the multiple district who are willing to take on higher leadership roles as part of a sound succession plan for each district.

Over the next five months I will offer an article on each of the following five critical areas of membership function:

Membership Recruitment Orientation

Membership Retention Extension

Leadership Development

I'll leave you this month with one of my favorite quotes for Stephen F. Covey on his definition of leadership: "Leadership is communicating to people their worth and potential so clearly that they come to see it in themselves." This must be our ultimate mission as district and multiple district leaders!

District 29I Conference

By Lion Jim Mullen

The District 29I Conference will be held September 27 – 28 at The Country Inn located in Berkeley Springs, WV. Information on registering and making hotel reservations is located on the registration form in this newsletter. To begin, Friday Evening – Dinner at the Castle, tours and a 50/50 drawing are scheduled to occur. Lions are requested to wear casual attire. On Saturday the District 29I Cabinet will be held. There will be Seminars, Silent Auction Service Projects a Strides Walk with sandwich in between.

Dinner will be graced by International Director Joanne Ogden delivering the Key Note Address. There will be special recognitions for service and the parade of checks. Lions are requested to wear semiformal attire.

Look over the registration form for more information. Send it in and represent your club at the conference.

District 29I Conference Key Note Speaker

Biography of ID Lion Joanne Ogden

JOANNE OGDEN INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Joanne Ogden from Emo, Ontario, Canada, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th international convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023. Director Ogden has more than 40 years of experience as a registered nurse. She currently works as part of the Senior Management Team for Riverside Healthcare Facilities. Her role there is that of quality assurance auditor and Ontario Health Team executive lead. Previously, she was the health program supervisor for the Naicatchewenin First Nation, responsible for community health and home care nursing. Prior to that, she worked in intensive care for 18 years.

From a young age, she was taught the importance of doing her best for her family, neighbors and community. Although she did not originally intend to become a Lion, she chose to join the Emo and District Lions Club in 2010 to assist her community in chartering a new club. Since then, she has made an even bigger difference in the lives of her

neighbors and community. In 2020, she transferred to the Northwestern Ontario Cyber Lions Club where she continues to serve to this day.

She has held a number of offices within the association including Guiding Lion and multiple district GMT coordinator. She has served as multiple district 5M's director for KidSight as well the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. Additionally, she was a district strategy planner for the NAMI pilot. In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including International President's Award and International President's Leadership Award. She has been honored as a recipient of the Stu Peever Award as well as the 5M10 Kindness Matters Award. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lion activities, Director Ogden is active in several professional and community organizations including her past service as a board member and chairperson for Riverside Health Care. Her dedication to improving the health and wellness of the indigenous peoples of Canada has been recognized and honored with the Award of Excellence in Nursing. Director Ogden and her husband, Kent, who is also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have been married since 1985. Their two daughters, Chelsey and Riley, are also Lions. They have two grandchildren named Lauren and Cassidy and Cassidy plans to join her family as a Lion on her birthday following high school graduation.

In her spare time, Director Ogden raises Arabian horses, golfs and fishes with her husband, or relaxes with her four miniature dachshunds. During the winter, her family enjoys staying with a Cuban family in Cayo Santa Maria. This year, Director Ogden will be traveling with PDG Angela Sharbot, who is a member of the Atikokan Lions Club, chairperson of Lions Foundation Dog Guides and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

District 29-I Fall Conference "Parade of Checks"



The Parade of Checks is an important feature of our annual District Conference. This is an opportunity for clubs to make contributions to the following programs supported by Lions Clubs International and Lions throughout West Virginia. Please mail your club checks (1 check per charity) by September 13, 2024 to the Cabinet Treasurer:

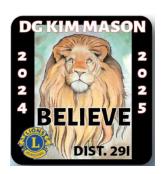
Lion Lyn Goodwin, 177 Zenith Drive, Hedgesville, WV 25427

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	\$
WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation (WVLSCF)	\$
Diabetes Fund	\$
Leader Dog	\$
Pilot Dog	\$
Romney Student Work Program	\$
WV Blind & Deaf Recreation Program	\$
Youth Exchange	\$
Quest	\$
CLUB TO	ΓAL \$

Each club will be recognized at the dinner and the amounts donated will be acknowledged.



Name:



District 29I Conference

September 27-28, 2024 **Country Inn** 110 S Washington St Berkeley Springs, WV

REGISTRATION FORM

Address:	
Email:	
Club:	
Events:	
Friday Evening – Dinner at the Castle, to	urs, 50/50, Lion Casual Attire
Castle is not handicap accessibleDue to limited occupancy the first	t 70 people to register will get
Saturday – District 29I Cabinet Meeting, Lion casual attire	Seminars, Lunch, Silent Auction, Service Projects, Strides Walk,
Dinner with International Director Joanne	e Ogden, special recognitions, parade of checks, semiformal attire
Registration Fee (includes meals identifie	ed above);
before August 31 st	
Friday and Saturday \$ 120	Saturday Only \$ 75.00
After August 31 st	
Friday and Saturday \$ 130	Saturday Only \$ 85.00
* If anyone has special dietary needs, ple	ase list them:
Is this your first conference: Yes/ No	How many years have you been a Lion?
The West Inn is handicap accessible while	e the Historic Inn is not.

Make reservations at Country Inn, (304) 258-1200 and ask for reservations. Be sure to mention that you're with the September Lions Club group to receive the discounted prices.

MAKE REGISTRATION FEE CHECK PAYABLE TO: THE LIONS DISTRICT 29I CONFERENCE

Please, we need to receive your registrations by September 13th. Send registrations to: Lion Nancy Paugh 49 Dawson Farm Lane

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION





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- 1. WV delegation for LCI parade
- 2. Mustering outside the German meet and greet
- The West Virginia District Governors Contingent
- Lion Kim and WV DG's getting ribbons pulled to officially become DG







From: Stephen M. Glass Past International Director

To: DG Jeff and DG Kim,

I trust that your experience in Melbourne was a great one and that you are each now ready to tackle the world of Lionism on a new level! I wish you only the best and assure you that I am ready, willing, and able to continue to assist you any time and in any way that I can!

I have attached an article as the MD GLT coordinator (see below). It sets the tone for what will follow over the next six months, so I think that it is important to include it in the first publication.

Thank you!

Steve

Training available for all Lions through
USA-Canada Leadership
Forum at
Lions University

DG Kim's thoughts from the trip:

It was a very energizing trip. The flight was super long - 15 hours plus 5 hours to get there. I participated in some major pin trading. I have gotten so many, it is amazing. I got to speak with the guys from IT and watched their seminar. I learned so much about the new program. I had a lot of questions and they answered my questions and showed me how to use the program one on one.

Everyone was talking about mission 1.5. There were a lot of seminars about how to find new members and also how to retain members. That was something I don't think we talk about enough, how to keep our members happy and active.

Got invited to the German reception. It was like Octoberfest. The best part was the new international president Fabricio, he came and talked with everyone. Also, the new 1st Vice President came but he didn't get up and talk.

I keep finding pieces of paper I wrote little notes on. We participated in the parade. There was 150 entries representing different countries, and states. Some areas brought bands with them. Scotland and Ireland had bagpipers. The Taiwan delegation had dragon blow up costumes, like we have dinosaurs. The traditional dress of the African delegation was beautiful.

I also had my last day of DGE classes. The keynote speaker was Janine Shepherd who shared her story from Olympic hopeful to being told she would never walk again after a truck hit her while she was training. It was very inspiring.

Sorry I couldn't send this sooner. I have other things to send. I have sent some pictures through my phone, I hope you got them.

Also, wanted to tell you that I participated in the international voting and the Hygiene kits for women service project. All products were donated to the women and children Protection and development organization of Australia.

DISTRICT CONTESTS

Membership: For every new member a club brings in, the club will be placed into a raffle to win \$250 to be used towards new membership projects. The club can use the money anyway they see fit. There will be 2 contests:

- From July 1st to December 31st
- And from January 1st to June 20th

The Lions Club with the most new members will receive a surprise at the end of year

Service: For every service project a club reports they will be entered to win \$250 to put towards that clubs next service project. There will be 2 contests:

- From July 1st to December 31st
- And from January 1st to June 20th

The Lions Club with the most service projects will win a prize at the end of the year

CABINET OFFICERS, ZONE AND PROGRAM CHAIRS

Please submit information regarding your activities as we continue to build a robust District Activities Section. This includes any services, fundraisers or even outlines of duties to relate to club members. Submit to:

LIONS29Inewsletter@yahoo.com Yours In Service, Lion Jim Mullen

In Memorium to Our Cherished LIONS

A Compilation From 29I Clubs

William Bane	Keyser	April
Donald Henderson	Tennerton	April
Max Elza	Tygart Valley	May
Gary Schoonover	Tygart Valley	May
Bill Smithson	Martinsburg	May

ATTENTION LIONS

The NEW LIONS PORTAL has launched. Have you tried the new Lions Portal for Members yet? I took my shot and found it a rather easy task to perform. It is a nice archive of information containing a member's history. Navigate your web browser to LCI (Click here) and get started.

To have your event information & flyers placed in to the 29I Newsletter email them to LIONS29Inewsletter@yahoo.com

Flyers and forms included in this Newsletter are also available on the 29I Website

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

1 Service 2 Service

When we become a LION, we enter for service to the community. Once occupying ourselves in that service, we see that sharing that effort is a pretty good idea, so we invite friends and acquaintances that are like minded. In a short period of time we come to understand that in order to perform service, funds must be raised. So. – We occupy ourselves in Over time, some members even fundraising. graduate to organizing services and fundraisers. But the real strength of a club is in its administration. When there is a strong level of organizers for all of the club's mechanisms, it is much easier to serve the community. But that strength does not end at the Board of Directors for the Club. It extends out to the District. The District provides many operations that allow the clubs to grow in service. The District staff work to organize clubs efforts together, such as ensuring the collected eyeglasses continue their journey to places of need or extending service to the blind through supporting eye banks, service animals, even care for veterans are among a long list of programs in which the District is occupied. That strength of administration is what carries each of the clubs to a higher level of community service, but it is not effective without strong administration.

Yes, we all want to serve. But. Are you one of those willing to serve the LIONS? If you have been a LION for some time, ask within your club what those administrative needs are and how you can serve those needs. This simple pursuit may allow members of your club to widen their service to LIONS by joining the District staff. Look to that one service – administration – so that we all may serve, too.

Yours In Service, Lion Jim Mullen

RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

A Compilation From 29I Clubs

CLUB SECRETARIES

Please submit material for the club sections of most recent community service and your upcoming fundraisers. Submit pictures, flyers or text. Submit to: LIONS29Inewsletter@yahoo.com

Yours in Service, Lion Jim Mullen

East Lewis Lions Club Officer Induction – DG



Lion Kim Mason visited the East Lewis LC and inducted the officers for the upcoming Lions Year.

West Milford Lions Club Picnic – DG Lion Kim Mason took a small break from her District Governor duties to celebrate Lionism with the West Milford Lions at their annual picnic.



Martinsburg Lions Club SPOT Vision Screening – Lions Paul Jozik and Jim Mullen provided vision screening to the patrons of the Martinsburg Farmer's Market at the Roundhouse Health Fair. The event was held as part of the Healthy WV Day celebration. Included with the Farmer's Market regular attendance of home grown and prepared foods with a range of beautifully crafted items, the event offered a wide variety of healthy lifestyle and medical support information and activities.

The pair of Lions (In the picture Jim is on the left and Paul on the right) assembled and piloted a mobile vision



screening station so the club can expand this service into the community. Working through the very hot day, the concept worked well in the vision screening of several individuals. The club members can anticipate offering vision screening to many community members throughout the coming years and raise greater awareness of Sight Conservation.

Submitted by Lion Jim Mullen

UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

A Compilation From 29I Clubs

Martinsburg Lions Club will be selling Terri Lynne Nuts beginning in November.

Submitted by Lion Jim Mullen



BROOM SALES CLUBS

Does your club sell NexStep Brooms?

Let me know club and contact information so we can build an outreach advertising program.

Martinsburg Lions Club

Send information to:

LIONS29Inewsletter@yahoo.com Yours In Service Lion Jim Mullen

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Hey 29I Clubs!!! Gotta Facebook Page? Let's add YOUR link HERE.

LIONS International President Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/LionsPresident/

Martinsburg Lions Club Facebook page, Check it out here:

https://www.facebook.com/people/Martinsburg-Lions-Club/100090828093349/ See what we're up to!

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Club Request for District Governor Kim's Visit

Club name:	
Name and location of meeting place:	
Dates in order of preference: 1st	
Time Lions meeting begins	a.m. or p.m. (Circle one)
When does social time begin if you have one	e?
Will you have a meal? Yes No	
Are there other clubs involved? Yes/No If ye	es, who
Lion requesting the visit Phone #	
E-mail	
Would you like the governor to?	DG Dress: Formal Casual
Install officers? Yes No	Suit
Install new members? YesNo	
Present special awards? Yes No	<u></u>
Do you need a microphone system? YES N	NO Do you need a projector/computer?? YES NO
Please mail request form or email information	to me ASAP. Thank you.
Lion Kim Mason	
District Governor 29I 318 Fairview Dr	
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411	I will confirm the date after it is scheduled on my calendar -
Phone: (c) (304) 839-2527	Thank you.
EMAIL: mskimamason@gmail.com	